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SUBJECT: ATOMIC ENERGY: ERDA PHYSICAL SECURITY INSPECTION
OF AUSTRIAN RESEARCH REACTOR

1. NUCLEAR POWER COORDINATOR IN FEDERAL CHANCELLERY
RICHARD POLACZEK RECENTLY ASKED EMBASSY FOR INFOR-
MATION ON STATUS OF ERDA REVIEW OF AUSTRIAN PROPOSALS
FOR IMPROVING PHYSICAL SECURITY AT THE RESEARCH REACTOR
OF THE AUSTRIAN STUDY COMPANY FOR ATOMIC ENERGY IN
SEIBERSDORF. SCENARIO CALLING FOR SUBMISSION OF
AUSTRIAN PLANS, ERDA REVIEW, AND SUBSEQUENT FOLLOW-
UP INSPECTION BY EMBASSY/USMISSION IAEA WAS AGREED
UPON DURING VISIT LAST APRIL BY ERDA PHYSICAL SECURITY
TEAM HEADED BY ADMIRAL LYON. AUSTRIAN PROPOSALS WERE SENT
TO ERDA VIA AUSTRIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON IN JULY, BUT
AS YET THEY HAVE RECEIVED NO REPLY.

2. POLACZEK SAID THAT AUSTRIANS ARE VERY INTERESTED IN
RECEIVING ERDA COMMENTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THEY ARE
MOST ANXIOUS TO OVERCOME ANY RESERVATIONS ERDA AND NRC
MAY HAVE REGARDING CONTINUED APPROVAL OF EXPORT LICENSES
FOR NUCLEAR MATERIALS FOR SEIBERSDORF RESEARCH REACTOR.
THEY ALSO HAVE IN MIND THE SUPPLY OF NUCLEAR MATERIALS

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FOR THE FIRST NUCLEAR POWER PLANT CURRENTLY UNDER

CONSTRUCTION AT ZWENTENDORF. ALTHOUGH FUEL ELEMENTS FOR ZWENTENDORF PLANT WILL COME FROM GERNAY, AUSTRIANS BELIEVE THAT GERMANS, AS MEMBERS OF LONDON GROUP, WILL DEMAND SIMILAR PHYSICAL SECURITY STANDARDS AS REQUIRED BY ERDA/NRC.

3. ERDA COMMENTS WILL ALSO BE OF USE TO AUSTRIANS IN THEIR EXAMINATION OF POSSIBLE ADMINISTRATIVE AND/OR LEGISLATIVE CHANGES AIMED AT CENTRALIZING PHYSICAL PROTECTION RESPONSIBILITIES, MOST LIKELY IN MINISTRY OF INTERIOR. POLACZEK ONCE AGAIN EXPRESSED INTEREST IN HAVING DISCUSSIONS OF PHYSICAL PROTECTION INCLUDED IN A PROGRAM FOR AN EVENTUAL NUCLEAR SAFETY STUDY TRIP TO THE U.S. FOR GAO OFFICIALS. SUCH TRIP WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE, HOWEVER, BEFORE NEXT SPRING AT EARLIEST. (SEE SEPTTEL).BUCHANAN

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